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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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In the Matter of

Amendment of Section 73.202(b)
Table of Allotments
Soperton, Georgia

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To: Chief, Allocations Branch
Policy and Rules Division
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PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

John Morgan Dowdy, the controlling principal of the licensees of radio stations WQZY(FM) /WMLT(AM), Dublin and WDBN(FM), Wrightsville, Georgia, and a partner in the licensee of WMCG(FM), Milan, Georgia, among other broadcast interests, hereby respectfully requests the Commission to adopt a Notice of Proposed Rule Making looking toward amending 47 CFR Sec. 73.202(b), as follows:

<u>City</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Channel No.</u> <u>Proposed</u>
Soperton, Georgia	291A	253A, 291A

In support whereof, the following is shown:

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1. The Commission previously determined that Soperton is a community to which an FM channel may be assigned for purposes of 47 USC Sec. 307(b) when it assigned channel 291A to

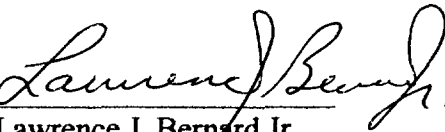
the community to provide for a first local broadcast service. Allotment of channel 253A to Soperton would provide for a first competitive local broadcast service to WKTM(FM) which now operates on channel 291.

2. The attached Engineering Exhibit demonstrates that the proposed allotment of channel 253A to Soperton ,Georgia, would meet all of the technical requirements of the Commission's rules. Petitioner John Morgan Dowdy hereby represents that he will apply for a permit to construct a new station on channel 253A if it is allotted to Soperton, and , if issued a permit, he will immediately construct and begin operating a new station on the channel.

3. Accordingly, the foregoing considered, the Commission is respectfully requested to initiate rule making proceedings proposing the changes in 47CFR Sec. 73.202(b) described above.

Respectfully Submitted,

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ENGINEERING EXHIBIT

APRIL 22, 1999

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SOPERTON, GEORGIA
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J. MORGAN DOWDY
SOPERTON, GEORGIA

DECLARATION

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that I have prepared the attached Engineering Exhibit for J. Morgan Dowdy, and that all of the facts therein, except for facts of which the Federal Communications Commission may take official notice, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and that I am a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Georgia.

Executed on April 22, 1999.



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NARRATIVE

This exhibit supports the attached proposal of J. Morgan Dowdy to allot channel 253A to Soperton, Georgia, an incorporated city, which had a 1990 population of 2797.

The reference point for this proposal is 32° 19' 41" north and 82° 29' 50" west. Page 3 is a tabulation for channel 253A from the proposed reference point to known facilities, authorizations, applications and proposals on the cochannel, the first, second, third, fifty-third and fifty-fourth adjacent channels.

The distance from the reference point to the far city limit of Soperton is approximately 10.6 kilometers, and a maximum class A facility would meet the requirement of §73.315 regarding principal city coverage.

The reference point is in a very rural area, and there is reasonable assurance that a transmitter site will be available.

If channel 253A is allotted to Soperton, the petitioner will promptly file an application for construction permit, and if granted, will construct and operate the facility.

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REFERENCE		CLASS A	DISPLAY DATES
32 19 41 N			DATA 04-14-99
82 29 50 W	Current rules spacings		SEARCH 04-22-99
----- CHANNEL 253 - 98.5 MHz -----			

CALL	CH#	CITY	STATE	BEAR'	D-KM	R-KM	MARGIN
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WJATFM	251A	Swainsboro	GA	24.1	31.27	30.5	0.77 <
WGCO	252C1	Midway	GA	126.4	133.59	132.5	1.09 <
AD252	252C3	Hawkinsville	GA	266.7	89.94	88.5	1.44 <
WLPF	253A	Ocilla	GA	216.3	118.10	114.5	3.60
WSBFM	253C	Atlanta	GA	312.8	233.77	225.5	8.27
WYKZ	254C1	Beaufort	SC	89.9	146.75	132.5	14.25
WYKZ.A	254C1	Beaufort	SC	89.9	146.75	132.5	14.25
WAYS	256C1	Macon	GA	295.3	110.29	74.5	35.79
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